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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TRANSACTIONS USING AN ATM/CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AND A SECOND COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL TO AN ACCOUNT HOLDER'S BANK**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**
Systems and methods for performing a transaction with a headless point-of-sale or automated teller machine (ATM) device are disclosed using a card having a second communications path to a financial services provider. A card having a display and radio frequency (RF) communications module may be authenticated with a headless point-of-sale device using a short-range RF communications link. Characteristics of the card may be set prior to the transaction. Transaction information may be provided to the display of the card from the headless point-of-sale device. A customer may confirm the transaction at the card using a touch-sensitive input area. During the processing, a communication may be made over the second communications path to authorize the transaction independently of the transaction processing path. A transaction may then be completed at the headless point-of-sale device.

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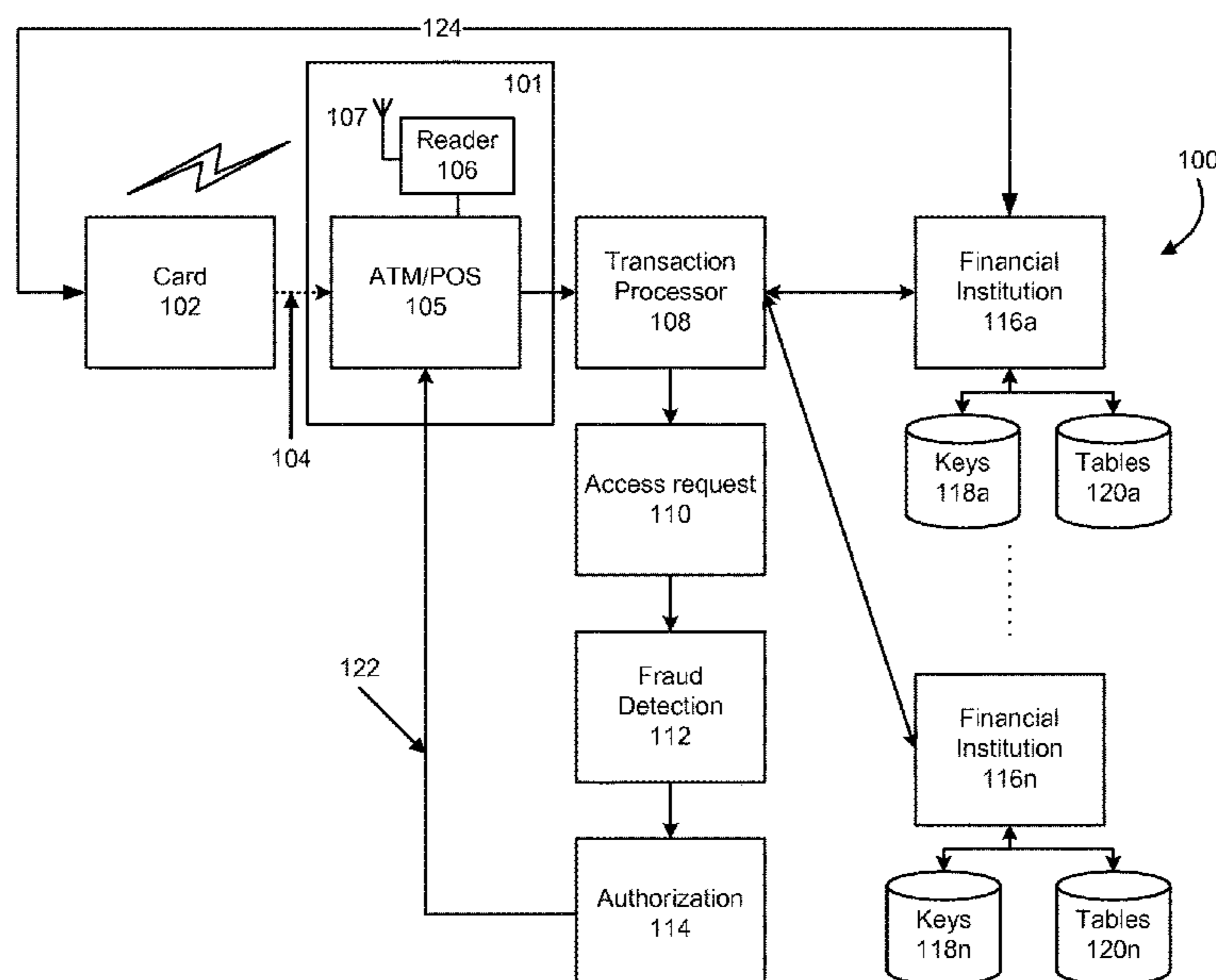
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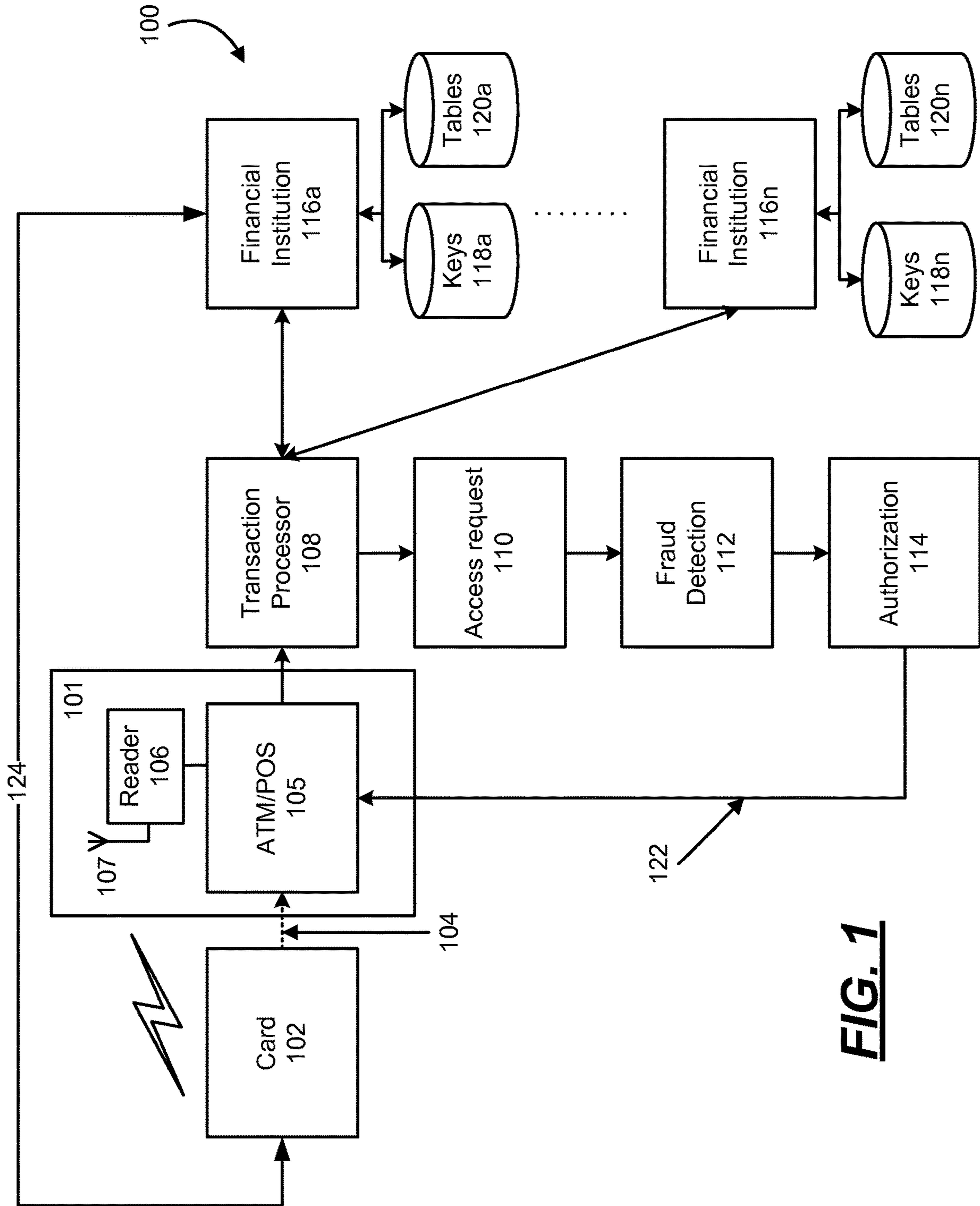


FIG. 1

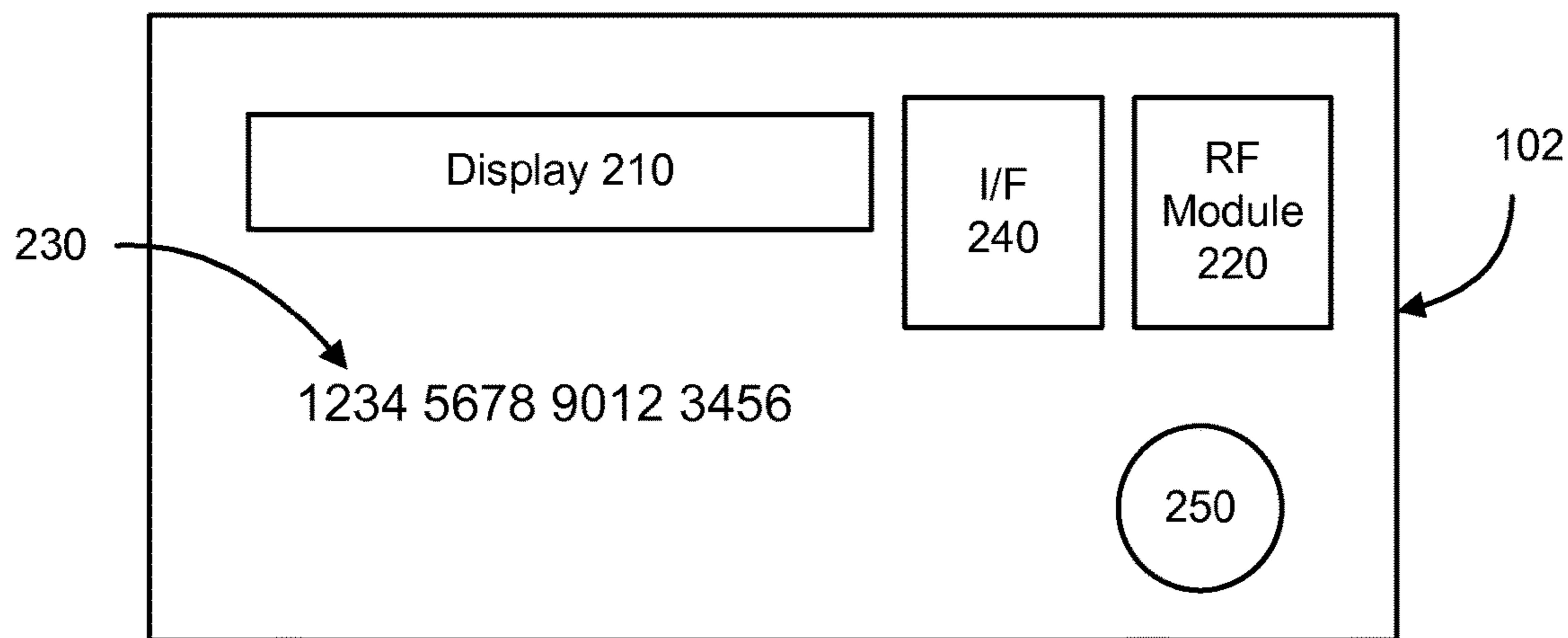


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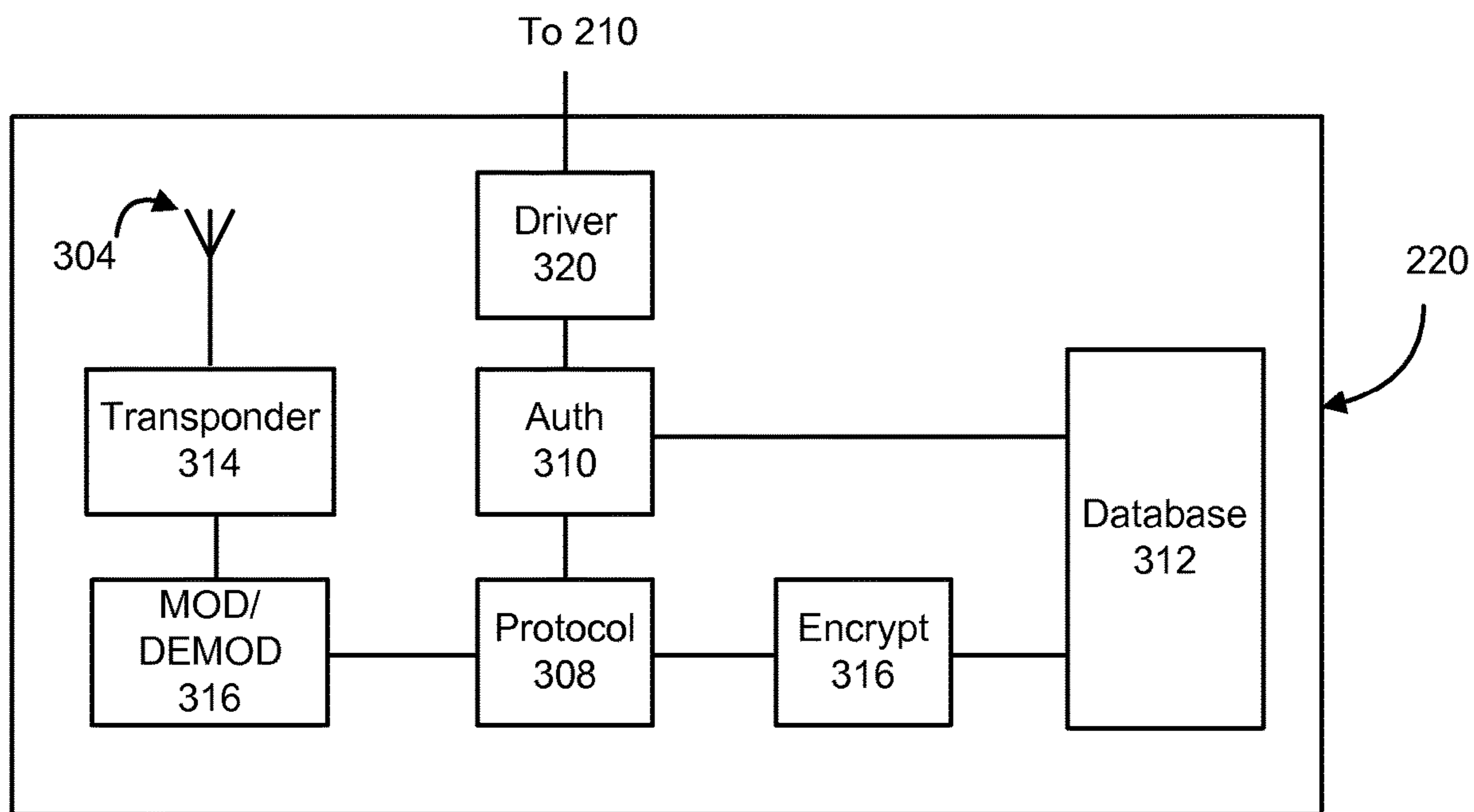


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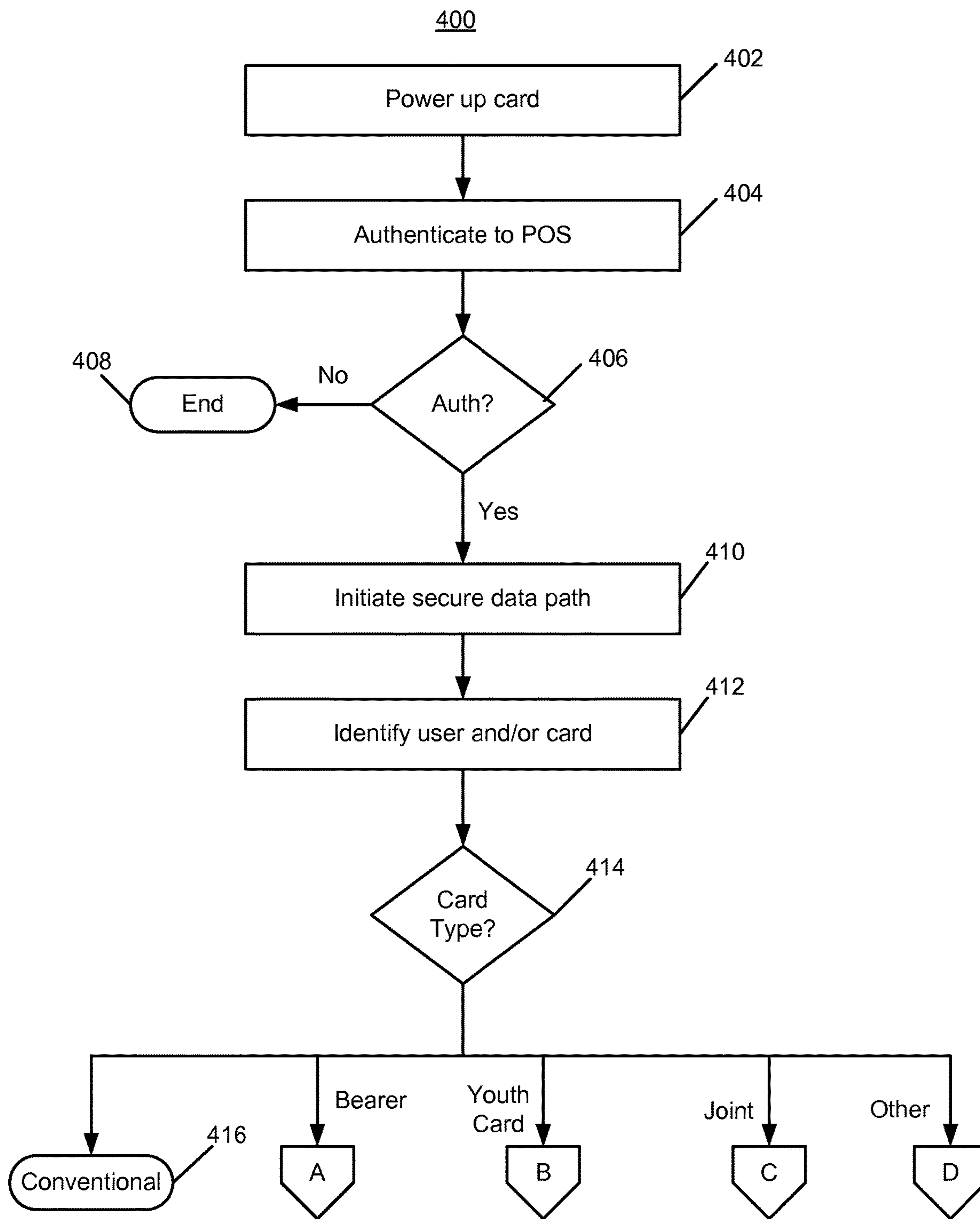


FIG. 4

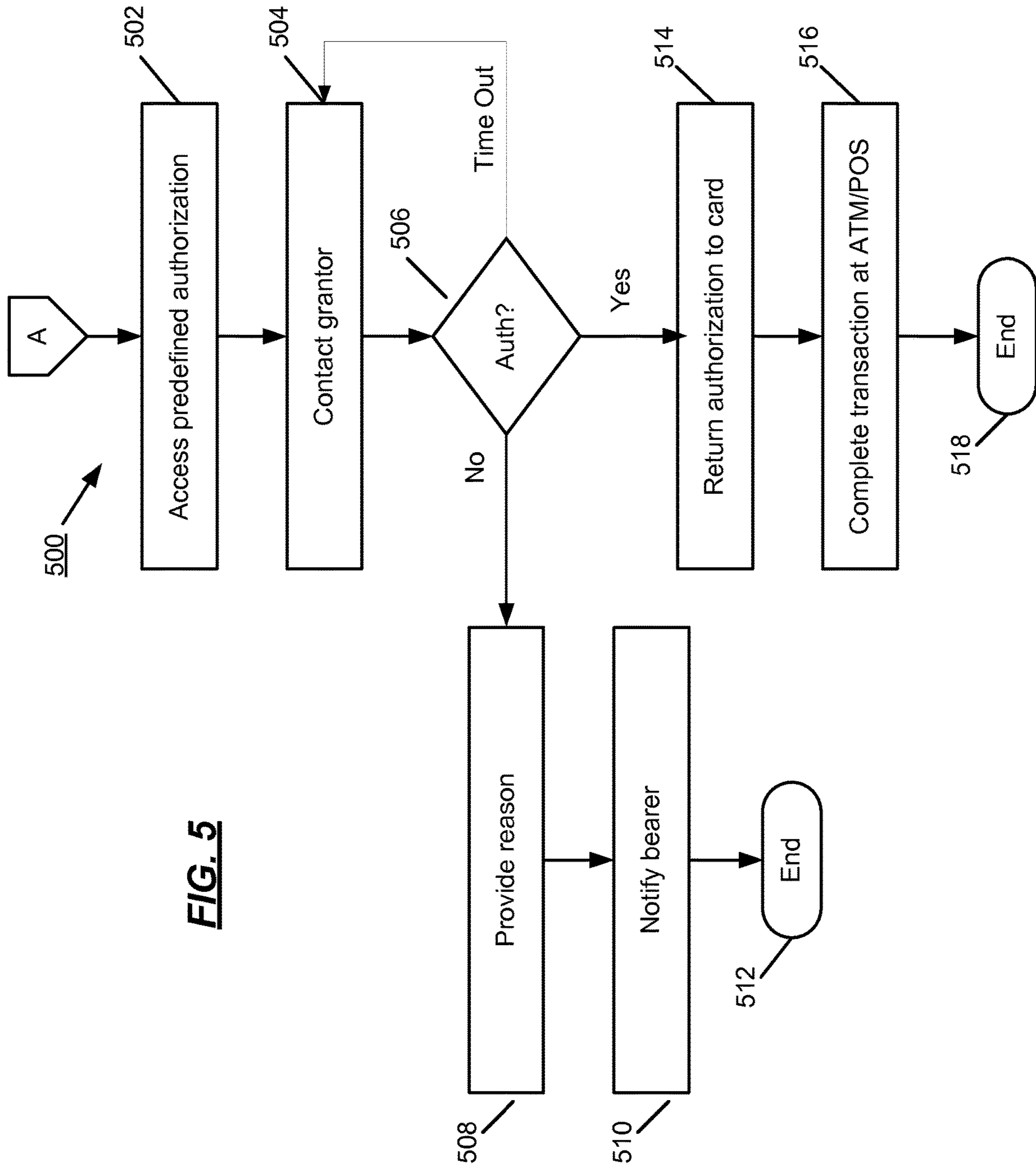


FIG. 5

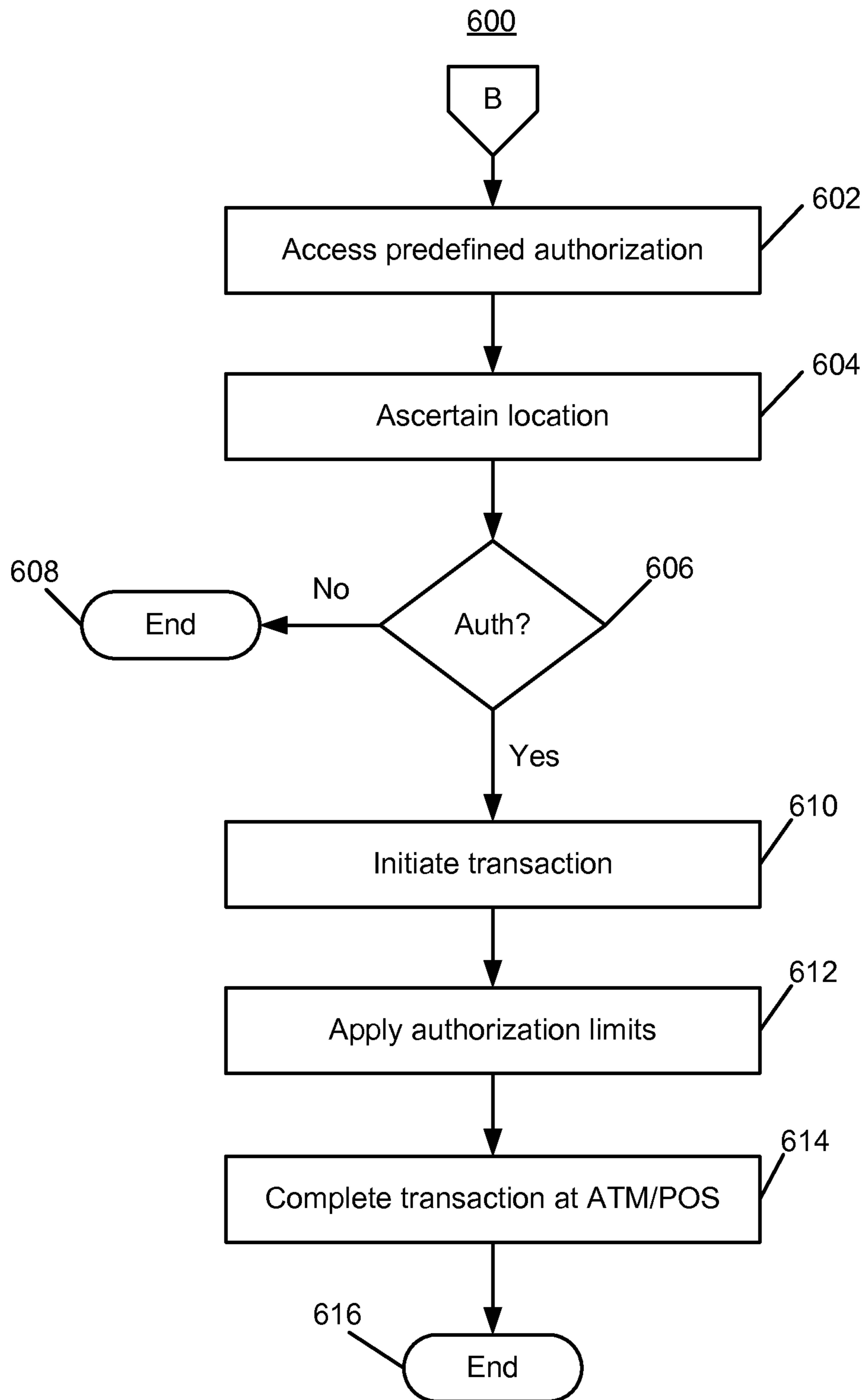


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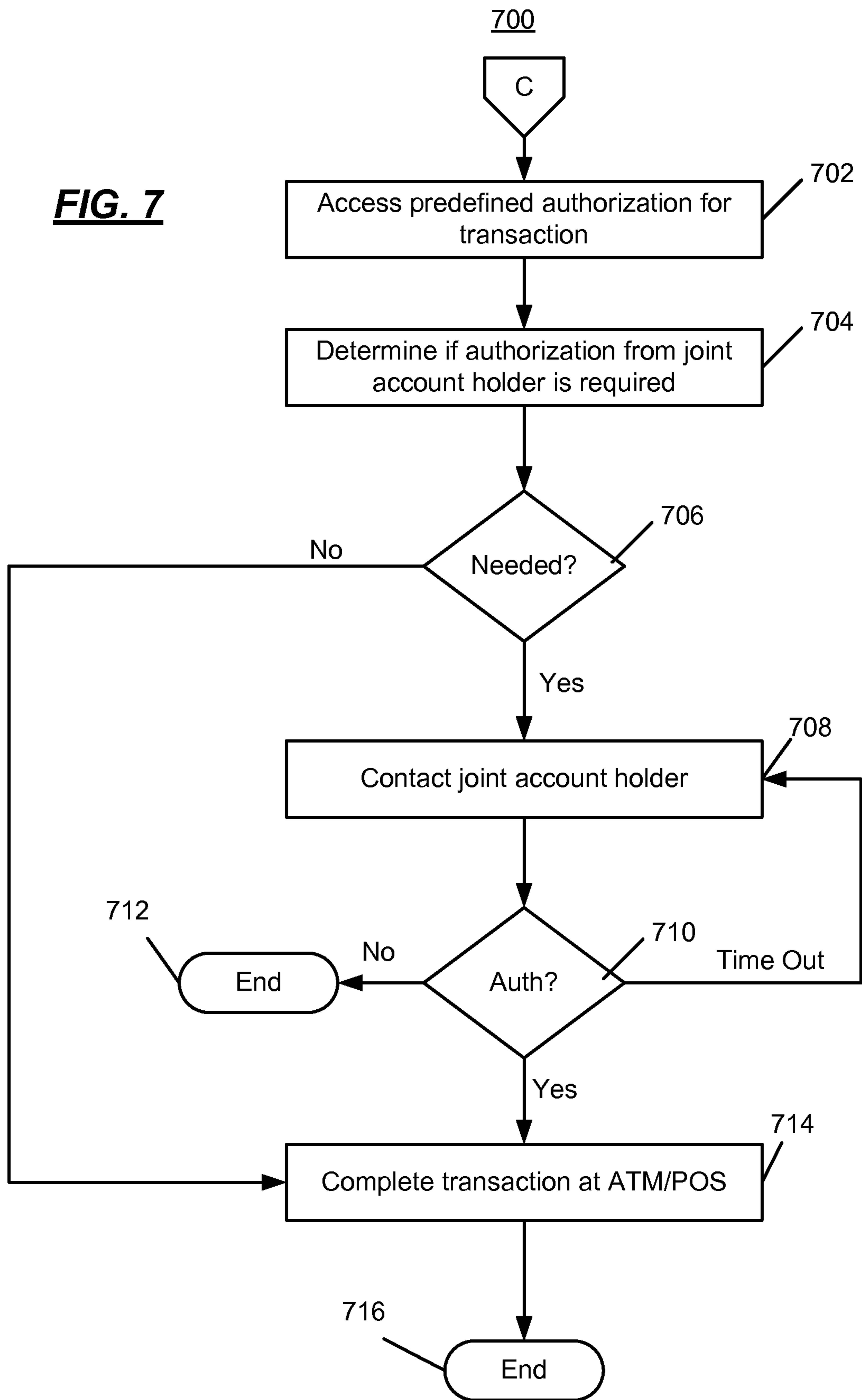
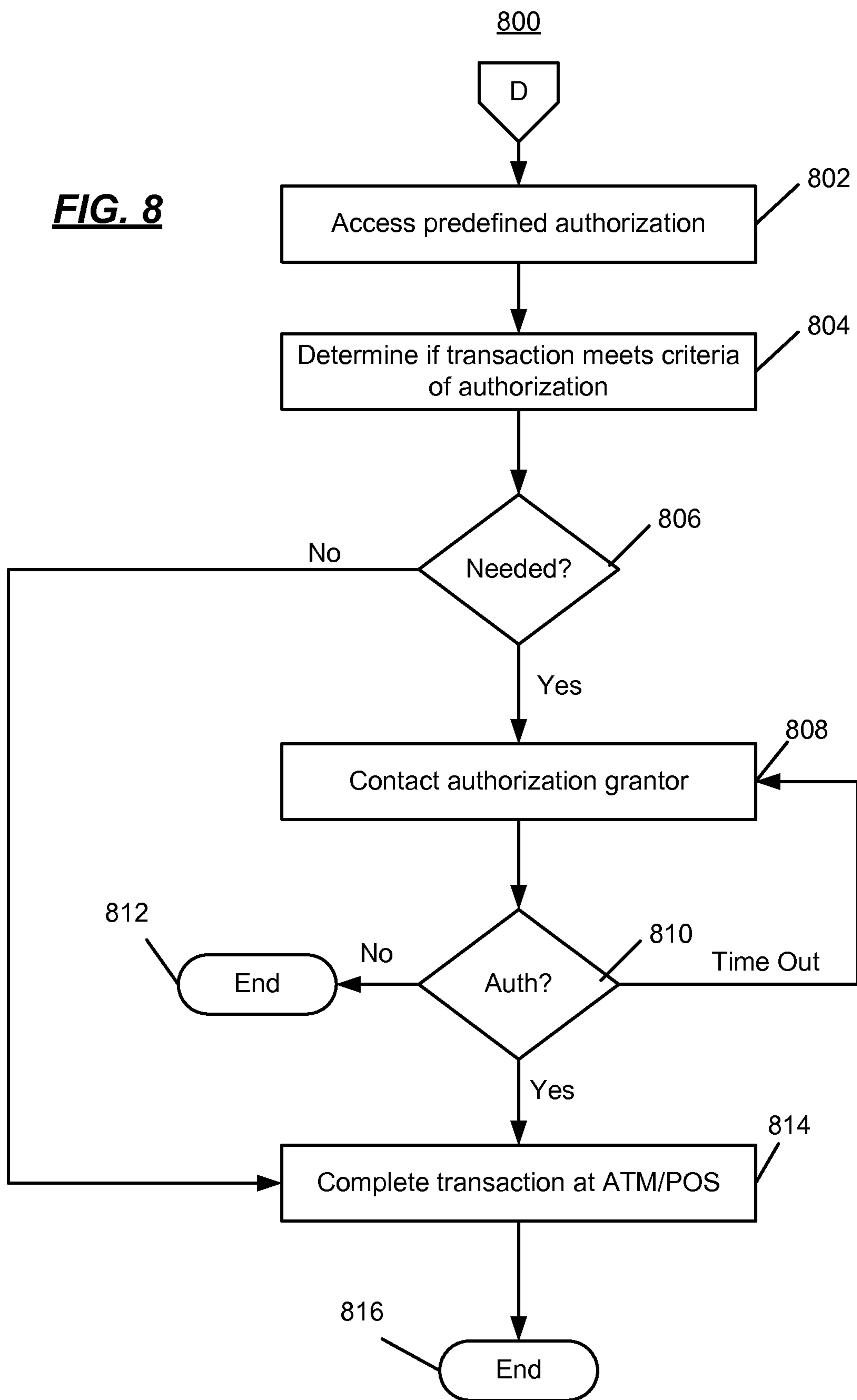


FIG. 8



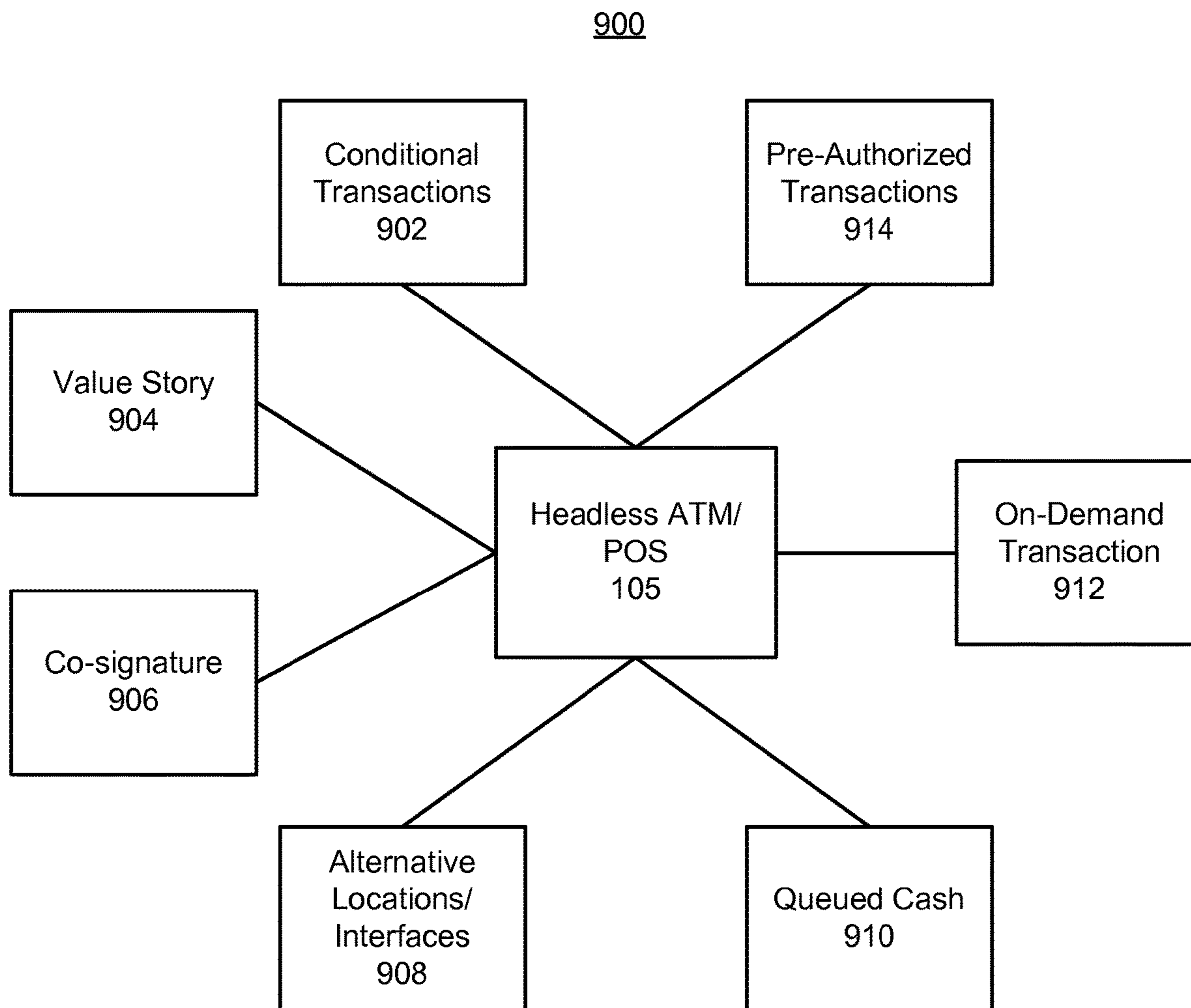


FIG. 9

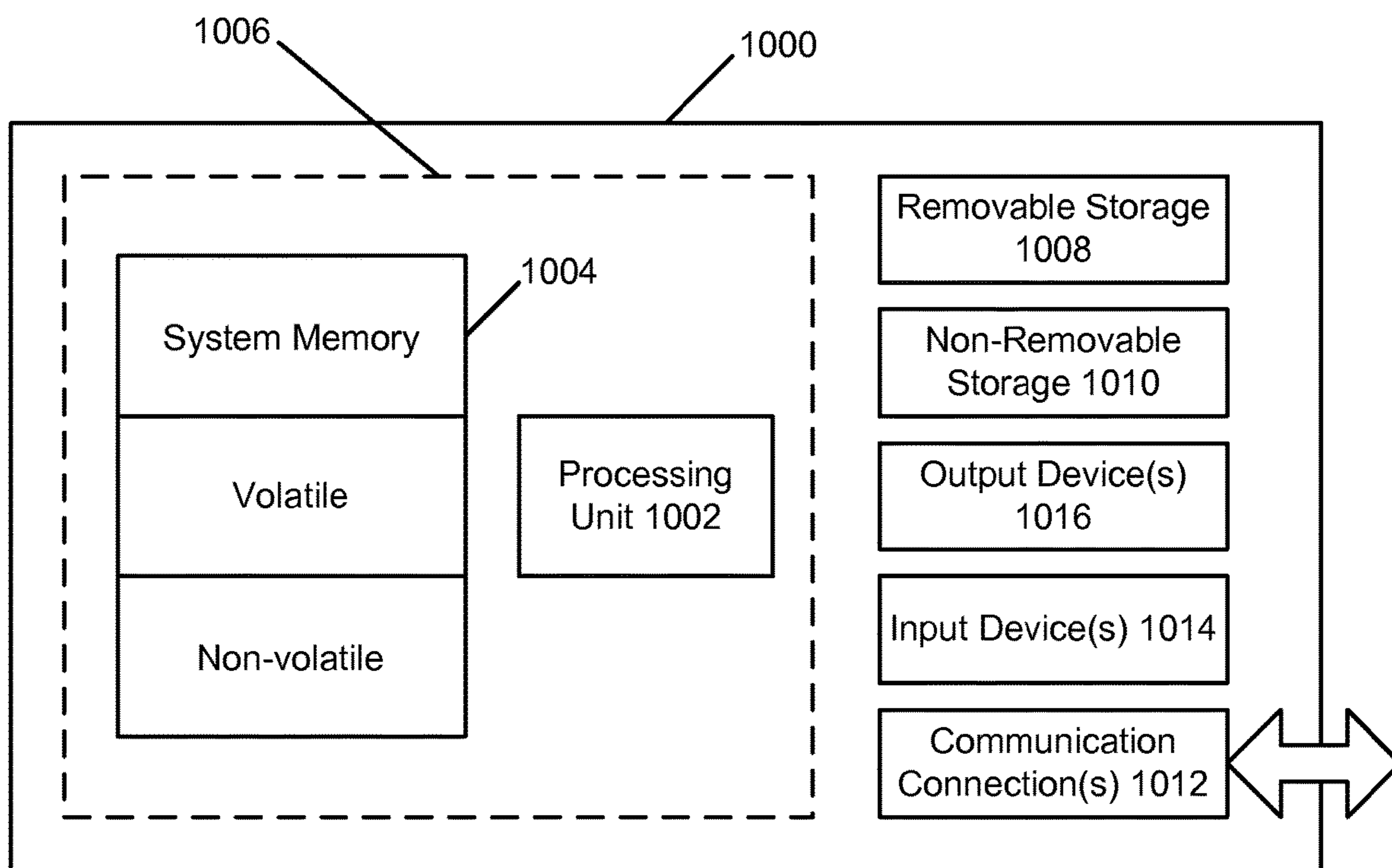


FIG. 10

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**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
TRANSACTIONS USING AN
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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED
APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. application Ser. No. 15/629,515, filed on Jun. 21, 2017, which in turn is a continuation application of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. application Ser. No. 12/504,783, filed on Jul. 17, 2009, now U.S. Pat. No. 9,691,059, the entire contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND

The process by which customers have made purchases or withdrawals currency from point-of-sale (POS) devices and automated teller machines (ATM) has remained the same for a considerably long time. The user first approaches the POS/ATM, insert or swipes his/her card into the card reader, enters a PIN number in accordance with a transaction type, responds to the prompts on the screen, and makes a payment or receives currency and a receipt. However, conventional cards provide little or no configurable parameters to adjust to the specifics of a transaction. As such, a conventional credit/debit card may be used to make purchases without regard to the merchant where the purchase is being made, the location of the merchant, etc. Similarly, a conventional credit/debit card may be used by one joint account holder without the knowledge or approval of another joint accounts holder. Thus, conventional credit/debit/ATM cards may not be suitable for certain transaction types under certain conditions.

SUMMARY

Systems and methods for performing a transaction with a headless point-of-sale or automated teller machine (ATM) device are disclosed using a card having a second communications path to a financial services provider. A card having a display and radio frequency (RF) communications module may be authenticated with a headless point-of-sale device using a short-range RF communications link. Transaction information may be provided to the display of the card from the headless point-of-sale device. A customer may confirm the transaction at the card using a touch-sensitive input area. The headless point-of-sale device may then provide the transaction information to a transaction processor for processing and verification. During the processing, a communication may be made over the second communications path to authorize the transaction independently of the transaction processing path. A transaction may then be completed at the headless point-of-sale device.

In some implementations, where the headless device is a headless ATM, the card may be authenticated to the ATM. Transaction information may be entered and displayed on the card. A communication may be made over the second communications path to authorize the card transaction with the headless ATM independently of the ATM transaction processing path. A cardholder may authenticate with the ATM by entering, e.g., a PIN number and funds may be dispensed to the cardholder upon verification of the PIN.

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This summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts in a simplified form that are further described in the detailed description section. This summary is not intended to identify key features or essential features of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended to be used to limit the scope of the claimed subject matter.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The foregoing summary, as well as the following detailed description of preferred embodiments, is better understood when read in conjunction with the appended drawings. For the purposes of illustration, there is shown in the drawings exemplary embodiments; however, the present disclosure is not limited to the specific methods and instrumentalities disclosed. In the drawings:

FIG. 1 illustrates an example financial transaction system;

FIG. 2 depicts the front surface of an exemplary contactless card in accordance with implementations herein;

FIG. 3 shows a block diagram of exemplary RF module;

FIG. 4 shows an example process for conducting a transaction at an ATM/POS device using the card of FIG. 2;

FIG. 5, which illustrates an example operational flow for processing the card of FIG. 2 as a bearer card;

FIG. 6, which is an example operational flow of processing the card of FIG. 2 as a youth card;

FIG. 7, which is an example operational flow of processing the card of FIG. 2 as a joint account card;

FIG. 8, which is an example operational flow of processing the card of FIG. 2 as configured generally;

FIG. 9 illustrates exemplary transaction types that may be implemented in the system of FIG. 1 using the ATM/POS and the card of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 10 is a block diagram of an example computing environment that may be used in connection with implementations of the subject matter described herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 illustrates an example financial transaction system **100**. A population of user cards is represented herein by cards **102**. The cards **102** may be configured as credit cards, debit cards, gift cards, loyalty cards, ATM cards, and other types in these general formats, as described below. Each card **102** may include a magnetic stripe that includes tracks **1**, **2** and/or **3**. The magnetic stripe may include a primary account number (PAN), a name, an expiration date, a service code, discretionary data (e.g., a Pin Verification Key Indicator (PVKI), Pin Verification Value (PVV), Card Verification Value or Card Verification Code (CVV, CVK, CVC1, CVV1), a Longitudinal redundancy check (LRC), etc. In a typical 16-digit credit/debit card personal account number (PAN) [XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX], the first digit is a card system identifier (VISA/MC/AMEX), the next 5-digits are a bank identification number (BIN), the next 9-digits are the customer user account number, and the longitudinal redundancy check character (LRC).

The card **102** may be a contactless smart card that includes embedded integrated circuits such that the card **102** may communicate with a card reader **106** through RFID induction technology. As such, the card **102** need only be in close proximity to an antenna **107** to complete a transaction with an automated teller machine/point-of-sale device (ATM/POS) **105**. The standard for contactless smart card communications is ISO/IEC 14443, which defines two types of contactless cards ("A" and "B"), that allows for communications at distances up to 10 cm. In some implementations,

the card **102** may use a built-in inductor to capture some of the incident radio-frequency interrogation signal, rectify it, and use it to power the card's electronics. The card **102** may also include a user interface through which information may be presented to, or received from, a user. A more detailed description of the contactless card is provided with reference to FIG. 2.

The card **102** may also be used as an electronic wallet. The integrated circuits in the card **102** may be loaded with funds, which can be spent in parking meters, vending machines, merchants, etc. Cryptographic protocols protect the exchange of money between the smart card and the accepting machine. No connection to an issuing bank is necessary in such a configuration, so the holder of the card can use it regardless of the holder being the owner of the card and/or account associated with the card.

A merchant **101** may have the ATM/POS device **105** at a location that may be configured as "headless" device (i.e., no display). The ATM/POS **105** may include a CPU to control transaction devices, a magnetic and/or chip card reader to identify the customer, a secure cryptoprocessor, and, optionally, a printer to provide the customer with a record of their transaction. In some implementations, the ATM/POS **105** may lack a physical input device (e.g., a keypad) and rely solely on the card **102** to send and receive information to the user. Many ATMs include an architecture similar to a general purpose computing device, as described with reference to FIG. 10. For example, many ATMs/POS devices use operating systems such as MICROSOFT WINDOWS and LINUX.

In some implementations, the ATM/POS **105** may include, or be operably connected to, the reader **106** that may have the RF antenna **107** in some implementations. The reader **106** provides an interrogation signal for powering the card **102** when the card **102** is positioned in proximity to the reader **106**. The interrogating signal may power the card **102** thereby initiating operation of the card **102** to perform a transaction.

In some implementations, the reader **106** may be a more general purpose wireless communication system. In such implementations, the reader **106** may be configured to communicate with devices using such protocols and standards as IEEE 802.11x, Bluetooth, IEEE 802.16, among others. As such, the reader **106** may communicate with wireless devices such as handsets, laptop personal computing devices and other mobile computing devices, etc.

In some implementations, the reader **106** may be a contact plate on which the card **102** is placed to power the card **102** to perform a transaction. In some implementations, the reader **106** and ATM/POS **105** may be a surface computing device, such as MICROSOFT SURFACE. The card **102** may communicate with the reader **106** by placing it on a surface to active the card's electronics.

As part of the transaction process, the ATM/POS **105** may read magnetic swipe data **104** that may include, a user identification ISO/IEC and/or Track 1/2/3 data. In some implementations, the above information may be received from the card **102** or other handheld wireless device using the reader **106**. The information may be communicated together with other details of the transaction (e.g., an amount, type of transaction, merchant/bank ID, etc.) to a transaction processor **108** to authenticate the user account and approve the transaction.

The transaction processor **108** includes an account access request process **110**, a fraud detection process **112**, and an authorization process **114**. These may also be used to administer inter-partner data exchanges, such as when trans-

action data and requests are bridged bi-directionally between the payment infrastructure (e.g., the ATM/POS **105**) and one or more financial institutions **116a . . . 116n**.

Each financial institution **116a . . . 116n** that provides cards **102** may maintain a respective customer database **118a . . . 118n** containing information for each customer such as a residence/mailling address (street, city, state and ZIP code), contact information (telephone, e-mail, etc.), social security number, and security information (a secret password or passphrase, answer(s) to security question(s)). Each financial institution **116a . . . 116n** may maintain a respective ledger balance **120a . . . 120n** to track transactions and balances for each customer account to determine an amount of funds on deposit, loan balances, etc.

The financial institutions **116a . . . 116n** may authenticate the user based on information contained in the message **104** and information contained in the customer databases **118a . . . 118n** and ledger balances **120a . . . 120n**. If the transaction is approved, an authorization code **122** is returned to the ATM/POS **105** by the payment processor authorization process **114** to enable the user to perform a transaction on the ATM/POS **105**. Thus, in the system **100**, transactions made at the ATM/POS **105** may be processed as ATM transactions.

FIG. 2 depicts the front surface of an exemplary contactless card in accordance with implementations herein. The card **102** may have any shape and may be formed having a size similar to a credit card (i.e., as set in ISO/IEC 7810, which defines the dimensions as 85.60×53.98 mm), a SIM card (i.e., ID-000 which is 25×15 mm), or as a key fob having varying dimensions. The card **102** may include a display area **210**, an RF module **220** for conducting a RF transaction, an embossed card number **230**, a network interface **240**, a battery **250**, and a magnetic stripe on the back (not shown).

The display area **210** may be a touch-sensitive display to receive inputs from a user and to display information to the user. The touch-sensitive display may be one or a combination of the following types: resistive, capacitive, dispersive signal, acoustic pulse, electronic ink (e-ink), etc. The display area **210** may be rendered operational when placed into communication with the ATM/POS **105**. A resistive display may include a panel that is covered with a conductive and a resistive metallic layer. The two layers are held apart by spacers, and a scratch-resistant layer is placed on top. An electrical current may runs through the two layers while the display area **210** is operational. When a user touches the screen, the two layers make contact in that exact spot. The change in the electrical field is noted and the coordinates of the point of contact are calculated. Once the coordinates are known, a driver **320** (see, FIG. 3) translates the touch into something that the card **102** understands as a position.

In the capacitive system, a layer that stores electrical charge is placed on the display area **210**. When a user touches the display area **210** with his or her finger, some of the charge is transferred to the user, so the charge on the capacitive layer decreases. This decrease is measured in circuits located at each corner of the display area **210**. From the relative differences in charge at each corner, the card **102** may calculate exactly where the touch event took place and then relays that information to the driver.

In an acoustic pulse system, two transducers (one receiving and one sending) are placed along the x and y axes of the display area **210**. Also placed on the display area **210** are reflectors that reflect an electrical signal sent from one transducer to the other. The receiving transducer is able to

tell if the wave has been disturbed by a touch event at any instant, and can locate it accordingly.

Electronic ink displays utilize microcapsules, each of which contains positively charged white particles and negatively charged black particles suspended in a clear fluid. When a negative electric field is applied, the white particles move to the top of the microcapsule where they become visible to the user. This makes the surface appear white at that spot. At the same time, an opposite electric field pulls the black particles to the bottom of the microcapsules where they are hidden. By reversing this process, the black particles appear at the top of the capsule, which now makes the surface appear dark at that spot. To form an e-ink electronic display, the ink is printed onto a sheet of plastic film that is laminated to a layer of circuitry. The circuitry forms a pattern of pixels that can then be controlled by the display driver **320**.

FIG. **3** shows a block diagram of exemplary RF module **220**. The module **220** may include any conventional RF circuitry capable of communicating using Radio Frequency (RF) transmission. The module **220** may also be electrically connected to receive inputs from the display area **210** using a suitable display driver **320**. The RF module **220** may include an antenna **304** for receiving an interrogation signal from RFID reader **106** via antenna **107**. The antenna **304** may be in communication with a transponder **314**. The transponder **314** may be a 13.56 MHz transponder compliant with the ISO/IEC 14443 standard, and the antenna **304** may be of the 13 MHz variety.

The transponder **314** may be in communication with a transponder compatible modulator/demodulator **306** configured to receive the signal from the transponder **314** and configured to modulate the signal into a format readable by any later connected circuitry. Further, the modulator/demodulator **306** may be configured to format (e.g., demodulate) a signal received from the later connected circuitry in a format compatible with the transponder **314** for transmitting to the reader **106** via the antenna **304**. For example, where the transponder **314** is of the 13.56 MHz variety, the modulator/demodulator **306** may be ISO/IEC 14443-2 compliant.

The modulator/demodulator **306** may be coupled to a protocol/sequence controller **308** for facilitating control of the authentication of the signal provided by the reader **106**, and for facilitating control of the sending of the module account number. In this regard, protocol/sequence controller **308** may be any suitable digital or logic driven circuitry capable of facilitating determination of the sequence of operation for the module **220** inner-circuitry. For example, protocol/sequence controller **308** may be configured to determine whether the signal provided by the reader **106** is authenticated, and thereby providing to the reader **106** the account number stored on module **220**.

To authenticate the signal, the protocol/sequence controller **308** may be further in communication with authentication circuitry **310** for facilitating authentication of the signal provided by the reader **106**. Similarly, the authentication circuitry **310** may facilitate the sending and receipt of information to and from the display area **210** through the display driver **320**. The authentication circuitry may be further in communication with a non-volatile secure memory database **312**. Secure memory database **312** may be any suitable elementary file system such as that defined by ISO/IEC 7816-4 or any other elementary file system allowing a lookup of data to be interpreted by the application on the chip. The database **312** may be any type of database, such as relational, hierarchical, object-oriented, and/or the

like. The database **312** may be organized in any suitable manner, including as data tables or lookup tables.

Association of certain data in the database **312** may be accomplished either manually or automatically. Automatic association techniques may include, for example, a database search, a database merge, GREP, AGREP, SQL, and/or the like. The association may be accomplished by a database merge function, for example, using a "key field" in each of the manufacturer and retailer data tables. A "key field" partitions the database according to the high-level class of objects defined by the key field. For example, a certain class may be designated as a key field in both the first data table and the second data table, and the two data tables may then be merged based on the class data in the key field. The data corresponding to the key field in each of the merged data tables may be the same. However, data tables having similar, though not identical, data in the key fields may also be merged by using AGREP, for example.

The data received from the reader **106** or the database **312** may be used by the protocol/sequence controller **308** for data analysis and used for management and control purposes, as well as security purposes. The authentication circuitry **316** may authenticate the signal provided by reader **106** by association of the signal to authentication keys stored on database **312**. The authentication circuitry **316** may be in further communication with encryption circuitry **316** which may encrypt or decrypt the reader **106** signal or the data (e.g., account number, user identifier, device identifier, etc.) returned from the database **312** prior to transmitting the data. The encryption circuitry **316** may use keys stored on the database **312** to perform encryption and/or decryption of signals sent to or from the RFID reader **106**.

In addition, the protocol/sequence controller **308** may be in communication with the database **312** for storing at least one of module **220** account data, a unique module identification code, user identification code, or transaction device identifier, etc. The protocol/sequence controller **308** may be configured to retrieve the account number from database **312** as desired. The account data and/or unique device identification code stored on the database **312** may be encrypted prior to storage.

Thus, where the protocol/sequence controller **308** retrieves the account data, and or unique transaction device identifier, or the like, from the database **312**, the data may be encrypted by the encryption circuit **316** when being provided to reader **106**. Further, the data stored on the database **312** may include, for example, an unencrypted unique module **220** identification code, a user identification ISO/IEC, Track 1/2/3 data, as well as specific application applets. The data may additionally be stored in the database **312** in Track 1/Track 2/Track 3 format and may also be in Track 1/Track 2/Track 3 format when provided to the reader **106**.

In an exemplary operation, the module **220** is placed in proximity to, or physically on, the reader **106** when the user wishes to conduct a transaction. The user simply positions the module **220** at a certain distance from the reader **106** until the reader **106** acknowledges that the information contained in the module **220** has been received. The reader **106** then utilizes at least a portion of the information provided by module **220** (such as, a user's account number associated with the transaction device) to complete the transaction. The reader **106** may receive the account information from the module **220** and verify the account information authenticity prior to forwarding the account information to the transaction processor **108**.

Inputs may be received in the display area **210** and interpreted by the display driver **320**, as noted above. The

inputs may be input to the authentication circuit **310** and the protocol/sequence controller **308** configured to send and receive information to and from the display area **210** to the modulator/demodulator **306** and the antenna **304** to allow a user to interact with the card **102** during a transaction. The interaction may allow the user to perform a transaction at the ATM/POS **105** (or other point of sale device) to withdraw cash, pay for goods and services, etc., using the card **102**.

The embossed card number **230** may be a conventional raised card number and may be optional. Having the embossed card number **230** allows the card to be used as a conventional credit/debit/ATM card where a merchant can verify the card number with magnetic swipe information at the point of sale.

The network interface **240** may implement one or more connections standards. Examples include IEEE 802.11 series, Bluetooth, IEEE 802.16 series, among others. Further examples of communication standards are Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) network, an Internet Protocol (IP) network, a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) network, a WiFi network, or local area network (LAN), BLUETOOTH, as well as various combinations thereof. Other conventional and/or later developed wired and wireless networks may also be used. The network interface may utilize components within the RF module **220** to link to an external wireless network infrastructure.

The battery **250**, if provided, may be comprised of a monolithic electrochemical cell having a lithium-containing cathode, a carbon anode, and a porous polymer separator infused with electrolyte solution. The cell has a thickness of less than 0.7 mm, such that it fits within the card **102**.

FIG. **4** shows an example process **400** for conducting a transaction at an ATM/POS device **105** using the card **102**. At **402**, the card is powered-up. The card **102** may be brought into proximity to the reader **106** or placed on top of the reader **106** to induce a current within the card **102** to power up the internal circuitry. In some implementations, if the card **102** includes a battery **250**, the card **102** may be powered up through user action.

At **404**, the card authenticates to the ATM/POS. Information within the database **312** may be communicated to the reader **106** to authenticate the card with the ATM/POS **105**. For example, a card identifier, a financial institution identifier, an account number, etc., may be communicated to the reader **106** by the RF module **220** in the card **102**. The ATM/POS **105** may receive information from the card **102** to determine if the card **102** can continue communications with the ATM/POS **105**. In some implementations, the user may enter a PIN number, pass phrase, username/password, etc., into the card **102** through the touch screen display area **210** in addition or alternatively to the above.

At **406**, it is determined if the card has authenticated to the ATM/POS **105**. If the authentication fails, then at **408** the process ends. If the authentication is successful, then at **410**, a secure transmission path **124** between the card **102** and a financial institution (e.g. **116a**) is established. As noted above, the secure transmission path **124** may be a separate communications that between the card **102** and the financial institution **116a** outside conventional ATM network.

At **412**, the user and/or card is identified. The user may enter a pin number, pass phrase, username/password, etc., into the card **102** through the touch screen display area **210** to identify the user and/or card with the financial institution **116a**. In accordance with the identification and **412**, a card type may be determined at **414**. For example, the card **102** may have a predefined configuration, such as a conventional credit/debit/ATM card, a bearer card, a youth card, a joint

account card, or other. It is noted that the types of cards illustrated in FIG. **4** are merely for exemplary purposes and should not be construed as limiting the type(s) of configurations the card **102** may have. FIG. **9** illustrates additional non-limiting uses and types configurations that may be assigned to the card **102**.

If at **416**, is determined at the card **102** is configured as conventional credit/debit/ATM card, then the card may be processed by a merchant **101** or conventional ATM in a conventional fashion.

If at **416**, the card type is determined to be a bearer card, the process continues as shown in FIG. **5**, which illustrates an example operational flow **500** for processing the card **102** as a bearer card. In accordance with implementations herein, the bearer card acts like cash instrument may be used by the cardholder to withdraw a predetermined amount of funds from the ATM/POS **105**. This may be a single-transaction or one-time-use-only card that has specific purposing such as, “dispense \$100 from ATM #**43** at the corner of Market and Main streets when it is presented to the device. This could also be done in affiliation with businesses that the financial institution **116a** has an alliance with, such as retail merchants, other banks, convenience stores, universities, etc where no ATM devices are located but where cash could be dispensed where point-of-sale checkout stands or merchant customer service offices exist. Such an alliance would allow for single-purpose cards to be used across a wide variety of locations, extending the number of potential cash dispensing locations.

At **502**, a predefined authorization for card **102** is accessed. The authorization may have been defined by the grantor (e.g. an account holder at the financial institution **116a** have an account to which the card **102** is linked) by accessing a website, contacting call center, etc. of the financial institution **116a** to prearrange the authorization/configuration of card **102**. The authorization may specify terms, conditions, the amount of funds, a schedule for dispersing funds, etc. to the bearer of the card **102**.

At **504**, the grantor is contacted. The financial institution **116a** may receive a communication from the card **102** using the interface **240** and the secure transmission path **124** to ascertain an authorization for the bearer to make a withdrawal of funds using the card **102**. The grantor may be contacted by the financial institution **116a** by electronic messaging (e.g., an SMS message, e-mail) or telephonically. At **506**, is determined if an authorization has been received from the grantor. If the financial institution **116a** was unable to contact the grantor, the financial institution **116a** may wait a predetermined amount of time and try again. The financial institution **116a** may contact the grantor up to a predetermined number of tries. If no authorization has been received after the predetermined number of tries has been attempted, then at **506** it is determined that no authorization has been given by the grantor. At **506**, it may be determined that the grantor has affirmatively denied an authorization to card **102**, where the process continues at **508** and a reason may be provided by the grantor (e.g., “the work was not completed satisfactorily,” etc.).

At **510**, the bearer is notified over the secure transmission path **124**. The bearer may be notified in the display area **210** of the card **102**. The reason may scroll or ask the bearer to touch the display to read through additional information across the display area **210** and may provide suggestions to the bearer to rectify the reason for the denial. The process then ends at **512**.

If at **506**, an authorization was received from the grantor, then at **514** the authorization is returned to the card **102**. The

authorization may be returned to the card over the secure transmission path **124** and enables the card **102** to complete the transaction at the ATM/POS **105** at **516**. The transaction may be completed by dispensing funds to the bearer in the amount determined by the predefined authorization at **502**. At **518**, the process ends. Thus, for example, a contractor may be able to use the card **102** to dispense funds in an amount to cover supplies for a job. Later, the contractor may use the card **102** to dispense funds and an amount agreed upon with the customer as payment for a milestone.

Returning to FIG. 4, if it is determined at **414** the card type is a youth card, then processing continues at as shown in FIG. 6, which is an example operational flow **600** of processing the card **102** as a youth card. At **602**, a predefined authorization for card **102** is accessed. The authorization may have been defined by the grantor (e.g. an account holder at the financial institution **116a** have an account to which the card **102** is linked) by accessing a website, contacting call center, etc. of the financial institution **116a** to prearrange the authorization/configuration of the card **102**. The authorization may specify terms, conditions, the amount of funds, a schedule for dispersing funds, etc. to a youth bearing the card **102**.

At **604**, a location of the card is ascertained. The location of the card **102** may be ascertained by determining the location the ATM/POS **105** that the card **102** has authenticated to in **404**. The geographic location of the ATM/POS **105** may be stored in a database accessible to the financial institution **116a**, the card **102** may be located using GPS or trilateration techniques (over the secure transmission path **124**), or the location provided by the cardholder.

At **606**, it is determined if the card **102** is authorized to make a transaction based on the geographic location and the predefined authorization retrieved at **602**. For example, in some implementations, the youth card may be “geo-fenced” such that it may be operable to make a transaction only within a certain geographic area (e.g. an ATM/POS **105** on a school campus). If the card is not authorized to make the transaction, the process ends at **608**. If the card is authorized to make the transaction, then, at **610**, the transaction is initiated.

At **612**, authorization limits are applied to the transaction initiated at **610**. For example in addition to the geo-fenced area in which the card **102** may be operable, a withdrawal amount may be limited (e.g., limited to \$20/day). In addition, the card **102** may be limited such that transfers between accounts is not allowed. Many such limitations are possible in view of the flexible nature of the card **102**.

At **614**, the transaction is completed at the ATM/POS **105**. Transaction may be completed by dispensing funds to the youth bearing the card a **102** and the process ends at **616**.

Returning to FIG. 4, if it is determined at **414** that the card type is a joint account card, then processing continues at as shown in FIG. 7, which is an example operational flow **700** of processing the card **102**. At **702**, a predefined authorization for a transaction associated with the card **102** is accessed. The authorization may have been defined by the joint account holders (e.g. an account holder at the financial institution **116a** have an account to which the card **102** is linked) by accessing a website, contacting call center, etc. of the financial institution **116a** to prearrange the authorization/configuration of the card **102**. The authorization may specify terms, conditions, the amount of funds, a schedule for dispersing funds, etc. to a single one of the account holders bearing the card **102**.

At **704**, is determine if an authorization from the joint account holder is required based on the transaction to be

completed at **702**. If, at **706**, an authorization is not needed, then at the process flow continues to **714** where the cardholder completes the transaction at the ATM/POS **105** using the card **102**. However, if an authorization is needed at **706**, then at **708**, the joint account holder is contacted via the secure transmission path **124** and the financial institution **116a**.

At **708**, is determined if an authorization has been received from the joint account holder. If the financial institution **116a** was unable to contact the joint account holder, the financial institution **116a** may wait a predetermined amount of time and try again. The financial institution **116a** may contact the joint account holder up to a predetermined number of tries. If no authorization has been received after the predetermined number of tries has been attempted, then at **710** it is determined that no authorization has been given by the joint account holder and the process ends at **712**. At **710**, it also may be determined at the joint account holder has affirmatively denied an authorization to card **102** and the process ends at **712**.

If the joint account holder authorizes the transaction **710**, the authorization may be communicated over the secure transmission link **126** and the transaction is completed at the ATM/POS **105** at **714**. The transaction may be completed by dispensing funds to the joint account holder bearing the card **102**, or transferring funds, etc., as specified at **702**. The process ends at **716**. It could also be the case that two cards had to be presented together to the same ATM/POS device for the funds to be dispensed. This would provide a high level of security where both parties had to be physically present for the funds to be dispensed.

Returning to FIG. 4, if it is determined at **414** that the card type is “other,” then processing continues at as shown in FIG. 8, which is an example operational flow **800** of processing the card **102**. The operational flow **800**, is provided as a generic overview of processing which may be applied to many different types of transactions in accordance to the configuration of the card **102**. Many such non-limiting configurations are provided in FIG. 9 below.

At **802**, a predefined authorization for a transaction associated with the card **102** is accessed. The authorization may have been defined by an account holder at the financial institution **116a** having an account to which the card **102** is linked. The account holder may predefine and configure the card **102** by accessing a website, contacting call center, etc. of the financial institution **116a**. The authorization may specify terms, conditions, the amount of funds, a schedule for dispersing funds, etc. to a single one of the account holders bearing the card **102**.

At **804**, is determined if the transaction to be completed at **802** meets the criteria of the authorization. For example, the transaction may involve one or more of the terms, conditions, the amount of funds, schedule, etc. set forth by the account holder. If at **806** an authorization is not needed, then at the process flow continues to **814** where the cardholder completes the transaction at the ATM/POS **105** using the card **102**. However, if an authorization is needed at **806**, then at **808** the account holder is contacted via the secure transmission path **124** and the financial institution **116a**.

At **808**, is determined if an authorization has been received from the account holder. If the financial institution **116a** was unable to contact the account holder, the financial institution **116a** may wait a predetermined amount of time and try again. The financial institution **116a** may contact the account holder up to a predetermined number of tries. If no authorization has been received after the predetermined number of tries has been attempted, then at **810** it is

determined that no authorization has been given by the account holder and the process ends at **812**. At **810**, it also may be determined that the account holder has affirmatively denied an authorization to card **102** and the process ends at **812**.

If the account holder authorizes the transaction **810**, the transaction is completed at the ATM/POS **105** at **814**. The transaction may be completed by dispensing funds to the person bearing the card **102**, or transferring funds, printing tickets, receiving deposits, paying bills, etc. The process ends at **816**.

FIG. **9** illustrates exemplary transaction types that may be implemented in the system **100** using the headless ATM/POS **105** and the card **102**. As illustrated in FIG. **9**, such exemplary transaction types may include conditional transactions **902**, value story transactions **904**, co-signature transactions **906**, alternative locations/interface transactions **908**, queued cash transactions **910**, on-demand transaction **912**, and preauthorized transactions **914**.

The conditional transactions **902** may include preset transactions based on triggering events. For example, such transactions may include receipt of a retailer coupon, receipt of funds from another source (e.g., rewards funds issued in “store currency” or “financial institution reward currency” that may be used for specific types of purchases, such as in a particular store, or using a particular card **102**), and certain particular transactions (e.g., a specific transaction at specific locations). “Store currency” or “financial institution reward currency” may include incentives where purchases made at a merchant **101** or through a financial institution website may be completed using an artificially-valued currency (e.g., \$50 charged at a Big Electronics Store POS device yields \$60 of Big Electronics Store dollars to make a purchase of electronic equipment from the store. Similarly, a \$50 purchase on Bank website results in buying power of, e.g., \$75 in Bank dollars to make purchases on the Bank website). The conditional transactions **902** may also include preset transactions based on dates and/or times. For example, conditional transactions may be cash transactions to a housekeeper or other service provider who utilizes the card **102** to withdraw cash as payment for services rendered. The “store currency” amounts could be stored on the card issuers authorization systems to allow for the “currency” to be retained in the case of a card needing to be replaced due to damage or theft. It would also be possible to exchange one currency for another at a conversion rate negotiated by the currency issuers. For example, \$50 Big Electronics Store currency credits could be exchanged for \$25 of Popular Restaurant Chain currency credits. This allows for merchants to establish secondary purchasing patterns and value exchanges between themselves.

Value story transactions **904** include transactions that take advantage of certain aspects of the flexible nature of the card **102**. A replacement card **102** may be provided and activated for use by the customer immediately without waiting for a new ATM card to be processed and delivered. The card **102** may be acquired from any merchant **101** or financial institution **116a-n**, and activated for use by the customer. The card **102** may provide convenience aspects such as an ATM/POS **105** where no ATM may presently exist. The customer may go to a merchant **101** having an ATM/POS **105** and make a withdrawal within the system **100**, whereas conventionally the merchant **101** would likely not have a conventional ATM machine on premises. In addition, the card **102** may provide access to emergency funds as device institution **116a** may authorize the card **102** to access emergency funds that would otherwise not be accessible.

Social networking aspects are possible, such as merchant feedback about a purchase that may be provided using the card **102**. The card **102** may be used to prevent price gouging. For example, the card **102** may be presented to make a purchase from vendor X. During the transaction, information may be displayed in the display **210** that the price is too high, and that vendor Y is selling the same product for 50% less.

Co-signature transactions **906** may include transactions by a first account holder that a second account holder authorizes. Such co-signature transactions **906** may be useful to businesses, etc., to authorize withdrawals over a threshold amount, approval of funds transfers to outside accounts, and authorizing payments to vendors to ensure that only legitimate vendors receive funds from the account tied to the card **102**.

Alternative locations/interfaces **908** are transactions whereby a customer approaches an ATM/POS **105** and begins a communication session therewith. The ATM/POS **105** may suggest a different ATM/POS **105** having different capabilities to complete a requested transaction and/or the ATM/POS **105** may reconfigure its interface to a format more appropriate for the customer and order the card a **102**. For example, a disabled customer may be unable to access an ATM/POS **105**. Using the RF module **220**, the card **102** may communicate with the reader **106** whereby the ATM/POS **105** may suggest an accessible ATM/POS **105** in a different location. In some implementations, the card **102** may be provided with capabilities whereby additional functionalities are provided if in contact with a surface computing device. The ATM/POS **105** may reconfigure its interface from an RF-based interface to a surface-based interface in order to provide maximum capabilities to the customer carrying the card **102**.

Queued cash transactions **910** are transactions where a customer is preauthorized to obtain certain features and benefits. The card **102** may be a vehicle for authentication of the customer at retailers, financial institutions, travel destinations, etc., whereby the customer is provided a higher-level service, passes for events, discounts, or any other benefit that may be bestowed upon the customer in accordance with a particular location.

On-demand transactions **912** are transactions that are specific to a merchant **101** and/or the ATM/POS **105**. On-demand transactions **912** may only be completed at the merchant **101** or the ATM/POS **105**, and may be requested for security purposes, transferring funds to a specific person, etc. For example, the card **102** may be used as a meal plan card at State University, etc.

Preauthorized transactions **914** may include transactions based on origination and/or transaction and security measures. Transactions based on origination may include those initiated by an account holder, initiated by recipient, or set up at a personal computer and/or a mobile device prior to taking place. Transactions based on security measures may be those having a specific time to live duration, having a specific location or boundary of locations, having a pre-shared key arranged in advance or through and out of band notification (e.g., an SMS message, e-mail, etc.), and those paired to specific mobile device associated with a person or persons. In some implementations, a one-time PIN may be created for a specific transaction in order to prevent fraudulent use of the card **102**.

Thus, the system **100** including the card **102** and the ATM/POS **105** may have many expandable uses in combination with the above described operational flows, or in related operational flows.

The subject matter described herein may be implemented through the use of a computer system, or other type of device that has some computing mechanism(s). FIG. 10 shows an example computing environment in which example embodiments and aspects may be implemented. The computing system environment is only one example of a suitable computing environment and is not intended to suggest any limitation as to the scope of use or functionality.

Numerous other general purpose or special purpose computing system environments or configurations may be used. Examples of well known computing systems, environments, and/or configurations that may be suitable for use include, but are not limited to, personal computers (PCs), server computers, handheld or laptop devices, multiprocessor systems, microprocessor-based systems, network PCs, mini-computers, mainframe computers, embedded systems, distributed computing environments that include any of the previously-described systems or devices, and the like.

Computer-executable instructions, such as program modules, being executed by a computer may be used. Generally, program modules include routines, programs, objects, components, data structures, etc., that perform particular tasks or implement particular abstract data types. Distributed computing environments may be used where tasks are performed by remote processing devices that are linked through a communications network or other data transmission medium. In a distributed computing environment, program modules and other data may be located in both local and remote computer storage media including memory storage devices.

With reference to FIG. 10, an example system for implementing aspects described herein includes a computing device, such as computing device 1000. In its most basic configuration, computing device 1000 typically includes at least one processing unit 1002 and memory 1004. Depending on the exact configuration and type of computing device, memory 1004 may be volatile (such as random access memory (RAM)), non-volatile (such as read-only memory (ROM), flash memory, etc.), or some combination of the two. This most basic configuration is illustrated in FIG. 10 by dashed line 1006.

Computing device 1000 may have additional features/functionality. For example, computing device 1000 may include additional storage (removable and/or non-removable) including, but not limited to, magnetic or optical disks or tape. Such additional storage is illustrated in FIG. 10 by removable storage 1008 and non-removable storage 1010.

Computing device 1000 typically includes a variety of computer readable media. Computer readable media can be any available media that can be accessed by computing device 1000 and includes both volatile and non-volatile media, removable and non-removable media. By way of example, and not limitation, computer readable media may comprise computer storage media and communication media.

Computer storage media includes volatile and non-volatile, removable and non-removable media implemented in any method or technology for storage of information such as computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data. Memory 1004, removable storage 1008, and non-removable storage 1010 are all examples of computer storage media. Computer storage media includes, but is not limited to, RAM, ROM, electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM), flash memory or other memory technology, CD-ROM, digital versatile disks (DVD) or other optical storage, magnetic cassettes, magnetic tape, magnetic disk storage or other

magnetic storage devices, or any other medium which can be used to store the desired information and which can be accessed by computing device 1000. Any such computer storage media may be part of computing device 1000.

Computing device 1000 may also contain communications connection(s) 1012 that allow the device to communicate with other devices. Communications connection(s) 1012 is an example of communication media. Communication media typically embodies computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data in a modulated data signal such as a carrier wave or other transport mechanism and includes any information delivery media. The term "modulated data signal" means a signal that has one or more of its characteristics set or changed in such a manner as to encode information in the signal. By way of example, and not limitation, communication media includes wired media such as a wired network or direct-wired connection, and wireless media such as acoustic, radio frequency (RF), infrared and other wireless media. The term computer readable media as used herein includes both storage media and communication media.

Computing device 1000 may also have input device(s) 1014 such as keyboard, mouse, pen, voice input device, touch input device, etc. Output device(s) 1016 such as a display, speakers, printer, etc. may also be included. All these devices are well known in the art and need not be discussed at length here.

It should be understood that the various techniques described herein may be implemented in connection with hardware or software or, where appropriate, with a combination of both. Thus, the methods and apparatus of the presently disclosed subject matter, or certain aspects or portions thereof, may take the form of program code (i.e., instructions) embodied in tangible media, such as floppy diskettes, CD-ROMs, hard drives, or any other machine-readable storage medium wherein, when the program code is loaded into and executed by a machine, such as a computer, the machine becomes an apparatus for practicing the presently disclosed subject matter. In the case of program code execution on programmable computers, the computing device generally includes a processor, a storage medium readable by the processor (including volatile and non-volatile memory and/or storage elements), at least one input device, and at least one output device. One or more programs may implement or utilize the processes described in connection with the presently disclosed subject matter, e.g., through the use of an API, reusable controls, or the like. Such programs are preferably implemented in a high level procedural or object oriented programming language to communicate with a computer system. However, the program(s) can be implemented in assembly or machine language, if desired. In any case, the language may be a compiled or interpreted language, and combined with hardware implementations.

Although example embodiments may refer to utilizing aspects of the presently disclosed subject matter in the context of one or more stand-alone computer systems, the subject matter is not so limited, but rather may be implemented in connection with any computing environment, such as a network or distributed computing environment. Still further, aspects of the presently disclosed subject matter may be implemented in or across a plurality of processing chips or devices, and storage may similarly be effected across a plurality of devices. Such devices might include personal computers, network servers, and handheld devices, for example.

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Although the subject matter has been described in language specific to structural features and/or methodological acts, it is to be understood that the subject matter defined in the appended claims is not necessarily limited to the specific features or acts described previously. Rather, the specific features and acts described previously are disclosed as example forms of implementing the claims.

What is claimed:

1. A computer-implemented method comprising:
 - providing, using a first communication path, authentication information from a user device to a machine, wherein the user device comprises a card;
 - after the user device is authenticated, receiving transaction information for the transaction from the machine using the first communication path;
 - establishing a second communication path using a network interface of the card;
 - after receiving, by the user device and through a display of the user device, an indication that confirms the transaction information, providing, by the user device, the transaction information and identification information to a financial institution via the second communication path between the user device and the financial institution;
 - responsive to determining that the user device is a youth card, determining a geographical location of the user device;
 - selectively providing authorization for the transaction based, at least in part, on the geographical location of the user device;
 - receiving, by the user device, an authorization for the transaction from the financial institution via the second communication path; and
 - in response to receiving the authorization from the financial institution, causing completion of the transaction at the machine using the first communication path.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - after receiving the transaction information, displaying the transaction information on the display of the user device.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising applying an authorization limit to the transaction.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising creating a short range radio frequency (RF) communications link between the user device and the machine, the short range radio frequency (RF) communications link communicating data to and through the first communication path.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the second communication path is a secure tunnel over a public network.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein characteristics of the user device are determined in advance of the transaction.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying, on the display of the user device, an indication that another vendor is offering a product involved in the transaction at a lower price.
8. A computer-implemented method comprising:
 - providing, using a first communication path, authentication information from a user device to a machine, wherein the user device comprises a card;
 - after the user device is authenticated, receiving transaction information for the transaction from the machine using the first communication path;
 - establishing a second communication path using a network interface of the card;
 - after receiving, by the user device and through a display of the user device, an indication that confirms the transaction information, providing, by the user device,

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- the transaction information and identification information to a financial institution via the second communication path between the user device and the financial institution;
- responsive to determining that the user device is a joint account card, determining, based on the transaction information, that authorization from a joint account holder is required for the transaction;
- obtaining authorization for the transaction from the joint account holder;
- receiving, by the user device, an authorization for the transaction from the financial institution via the second communication path; and
- in response to receiving the authorization from the financial institution, causing completion of the transaction at the machine using the first communication path.
9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
 - after receiving the transaction information, displaying the transaction information on the display of the user device.
10. The method of claim 8, further comprising creating a short range radio frequency (RF) communications link between the user device and the machine, the short range radio frequency (RF) communications link communicating data to and through the first communication path.
11. The method of claim 8, wherein the second communication path is a secure tunnel over a public network.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein characteristics of the user device are determined in advance of the transaction.
13. The method of claim 8, further comprising displaying, on the display of the user device, an indication that another vendor is offering a product involved in the transaction at a lower price.
14. A system comprising:
 - at least one processor; and a data store coupled to the at least one processor having instructions stored thereon which, when executed by the at least one processor, causes the at least one processor to perform operations comprising:
 - providing, using a first communication path, authentication information from a user device to a machine, wherein the user device comprises a card;
 - after the user device is authenticated, receiving transaction information for the transaction from the machine using the first communication path;
 - establishing a second communication path using a network interface of the card;
 - after receiving, by the user device and through a display of the user device, an indication that confirms the transaction information, providing, by the user device, the transaction information and identification information to a financial institution via the second communication path between the user device and the financial institution;
 - responsive to determining that the user device is a joint account card, determining, based on the transaction information, that authorization from a joint account holder is required for the transaction;
 - obtaining authorization for the transaction from the joint account holder;
 - receiving, by the user device, an authorization for the transaction from the financial institution via the second communication path; and
 - in response to receiving the authorization from the financial institution, causing completion of the transaction at the machine using the first communication path.

15. The system of claim **14**, the operations further comprising:

after receiving the transaction information, displaying the transaction information on the display of the user device.

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16. The system of claim **14**, the operations further comprising creating a short range radio frequency (RF) communications link between the user device and the machine, the short range radio frequency (RF) communications link communicating data to and through the first communication path.

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17. The system of claim **14**, wherein the second communication path is a secure tunnel over a public network.

18. The system of claim **14**, wherein characteristics of the user device are determined in advance of the transaction.

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19. The system of claim **14**, the operations further comprising displaying, on the display of the user device, an indication that another vendor is offering a product involved in the transaction at a lower price.

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